



# TOWN OF KILL DEVIL HILLS

*Land Where Flight Began*

## A Proclamation Declaring April 2022 as Autism Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication, and behavioral skills of those affected by it; and

**WHEREAS**, as more health professionals become proficient in diagnosing autism, more children are being diagnosed on the autism spectrum, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally and 1 in 45 in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, while there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if individuals with autism receive early and intensive treatment throughout their lives, they lead significantly improved lives; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals with autism often require a lifetime of specialized and community support services to ensure their health and safety and to support families' resilience as they manage the psychological and financial burdens autism can present; and

**WHEREAS**, autism awareness efforts are increasing in order to educate parents, professionals, and the general public about autism and its effects,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Kill Devil Hills, does hereby proclaim the month of April 2022, as

### Autism Awareness Month

in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, and hereby and urges our citizens to become better educated about autism and to help create a better community for individuals with autism.

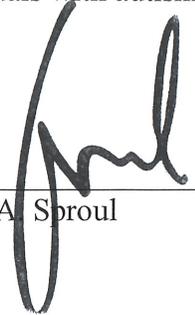
This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

SEAL



ATTEST:

  
James Michael O'Dell  
Town Clerk

  
Benjamin A. Sproul  
Mayor